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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP- NOMINATION AND PART I BIODATA FOR MR.
ERIC BERNIGOLLE - ALTERNATE CANDIDATE FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM.

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PROJ-NAME: FY 2006 - INDIVIDUAL Program - Eric Bernigolle
(Alternate)

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PROJ-TYPE: Individual

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SUBJ-DISC: Peace & Security

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Eric

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Bernigolle

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 0

PRINCIPAL?: No

M-ADDR1: Senat

M-ADDR2: 15, rue Vaugirard

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Paris

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: France

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M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: + (33) 1.42.34.23.26

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M-EMAIL: e.bernigolle@senat.fr

M-CNTRY-ID: FR

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 06/22/1966

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Toulouse

BIRTH-CNTRY: France

CITIZ-CNTRY: France

RES-CNTRY: France

START MEMO POSITION:

Adviser for European and International Affairs for the UMP
party Senate Group, since January 2003

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

1996-2002 - Adviser for Legal and European Affairs for the
Centrist Union Party

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

None

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Morocco, the UK, Spain, Italy, Poland - vacation over the last 10 years

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

- 1995 - Graduate level degree in EU law, University of Toulouse

- 1993 - Graduate degree in EU public law and EU affairs, University of Toulouse

- 1992 - Graduated from the Institute of International Studies and Developing Countries, University of Toulouse

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 3

ENGL-SPEAK: 3

ENGL-COMP: 3

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OTHER-LANG-ID: QB

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Given these changes in the role of the French Senators and their personal staffers, and given the Senate's growing focus on EU Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Security issues, in which it acts as the "unofficial" GOF think tank, we would think it timely to nominate Mr. Bernigolle either for a European program on Defense and Security issues or for a program on U.S. policies.

If dates would turn out to be a problem, we would like to suggest that Mr. Bernigolle be nominated for a single program focusing on U.S. institutions in general, and on the U.S. Senate in particular. French Parliament used to have an exchange program with its U.S. sister institutions, whereby a staffer of the French Senate or National Assembly would go on a one-year internship in the U.S. Senate. That program has been discontinued by the French at a time when the need for such exchanges had become key for French Parliamentarians. Both houses look to the U.S. as an example of the kind of role they would like to play in French politics.

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: Florence Radovic

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

We first met Mr. Bernigolle during a visit to the French Senate by Robert Zoellick, USTR, in 2004. Mr. Bernigolle caught the political and public service bug early and spent five years (including 3 at the post graduate level) studying political science, international affairs and EU public and private law. Upon graduation, he was asked to join the centrist party of the Senate to be their political adviser on EU affairs. When the party merged with the larger center-right RPR Party to become the UMP, he became the political adviser on EU and Security affairs for a party whose membership equals half of the 331 Senators.

Mr. Bernigolle is one of a handful of UMP advisers who are "political" appointees rather than permanent staffers. His role is therefore broader in scope than that of a more technical permanent staffer. More specifically, he makes complicated issues simple and understandable to all. Mr. Bernigolle acts as personal adviser on EU, foreign affairs and security issues to the Chairman of the UMP Senate Group, Josselin de Rohan. The closeness of their working relationship is key to our nomination since Mr. de Rohan has slated his adviser for a much broader role in the EU Council in a "political" capacity in the years to come. In the meantime, Mr. Bernigolle would like to find out as much as he can about Congressional control in the U.S. particularly regarding the budget. The French parliament has attempted to come on its own over the past five years by exercising its full budgetary powers, but the process has been slow in coming. The role and workload of French Senate has also changed of late, leading them to set up teams of personal

staffers U.S.-style, something that would have been totally unthinkable a few years ago.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

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HOME-HOSP?: No

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PERSON-ID: 475

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